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Seeking Fulbé/Wassoulou Musicians in Australia

I am seeking musicians and/or interested researchers to assist a student undertaking a Master of Music thesis on the broad topic of Wassoulou music. I am supervising the thesis and are in the process of establishing contact with interested parties in Australia. Assistance, through interviews, exchanging musical ideas, etc, is sought. The candidate speaks French, is a drummer, and is experienced in West African culture.

Thank you

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Reading Room: War and Conflict in Africa

The Australian Institute of International Affairs has recently published this review from AFSAAP's PG Rep Tinashe Jakwe – see it here <http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/war-conflict-africa/>

Read AFSAAP Member Jean Burke in The Conversation

[African voices raised in support of people with albinism](#)

AFSAAP 2017 Conference participants should attend this event!

- Cultural Musing, The South - Adelaide University November 23rd - 6-7.30pm

With JM Coetzee, professor of Literature, University of Adelaide, with novelists Gail Jones and Alexis Wright. Chaird by Nicholas Jose, Professor of English, and Creative Writing, University of Adelaide. Readings and a discussion on the theme of writing from the South. Elder Hall, North Terrace Campus (Adelaide University). Then share a taxi to the Conference Dinner afterwards, at Mama Jambo 12 Eliza Street, Adelaide. <http://mamajambo.com/> (yes, you will be a bit late to the dinner, so please let us know that you are going to this other event and we will wait for you!) afsaap2017@afsaap.org.au



Claud Ake Visiting Chair 2018

The Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala is calling for applications to the Claud Ake Visiting Chair 2018, see <http://nai.uu.se/index.xml>. The Chair is open to social scientists working at African universities with problems related to war, peace, conflict resolution, human rights, democracy and development on the African continent.

The Diaspora Learning Network (DLN).

DLN is a group of organisations and individuals committed to promoting learning and dialogue on the role of diasporas in peace, development, humanitarian action and human rights, and it serves as a key facilitator for cross-sector collaborations between diasporas and other sectors. Our founding members are: Diaspora Action Australia, The University of Melbourne (Melbourne Refugee Studies Program), Australian Red Cross, Refugee Council of Australia, Australian Council for International Development, Oxfam Australia and Research for Development Impact Network. You can read more about the [DLN here](#). The inaugural [Diasporas in Action Conference](#) in 2016 emphasised the need for greater understanding and learning to be shared about the role of migrant- and refugee-led communities (diasporas) on the global stage. If you wish to become a member please [click here](#).

Please note that DLN membership is free.

Kind regards, Diaspora Learning Network

FINAL NOTICE OF AFSAAP AGM

To be held Friday November 24th Monarto Zoo, South Australia 3.15pm-4.15pm. (Buses will transport participants to and from the venue as part of the AFSAAP2017 Annual Conference – (Note- a fee will apply to cover bus fares, Zoo entrance and catering, unless you are already paying the conference participation fee, which includes all of that and more). Please contact president@afsaap.org.au if you require further information).

Final Expression of Interest – [AFSAAP Office Bearers for 2018](#)

As normal, all office bearing positions will be declared open at the AGM at the forthcoming conference, and all AFSAAP members are invited to nominate for one of the positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Postgraduate Representative, ARAS Journal Editor. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please send a short description of why you believe you would be suited to the position, and what you can bring to AFSAAP to secretary@afsaap.org.au by 1 October 2017. These will be disseminated in advance of the AGM. Please note that if you would like to nominate another person, you must get their written approval. Please also contact the president@afsaap.org.au if you would like to discuss any of the office bearer roles and duties in more detail.



Final Expression of Interest – ARAS Editor and Co-Editors

Nominations are sought for the position(s) of Editor and Co-editor for the Australasian Review of African Studies (ARAS), the official journal of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP). Applications will be considered by the AFSAAP Executive and current ARAS Editors. Deadline for submissions is October 1st 2017. Email to president@afsaap.org.au

Forthcoming African Studies Conferences

- African Studies Association (USA) – November 16-18 2017 – <http://africanstudiesassociation.org/>
- African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific – 23-24 November 2017 – (venues – University of South Australia and Monarto Zoo – The Serengeti in Oz!). <http://afsaap.org.au/conference/afsaap-2017/>
- African Studies Association – (UK) September 11-13 2018 <http://www.asauk.net/category/conferences/>

AFSAAP Members Expertise

AFSAAP Members are reminded to update their fields of expertise and let us know so we can promote your research through our networks, and also put you in touch with relevant researchers and media looking for various experts. Please submit your short biographies and list at least one African state or region that you are researching on, or African issue, such as African-Diaspora. See the link in the title above. Email to secretary@afsaap.org.au

